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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1147
TO BE ANSWERED ON – 27.07.2022

Review/assessment regarding education of children with disabilities

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any review/assessment regarding education of children with disabilities;
- (b) if so, the percentage of such children who are studying at present, State-wise/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to provide maximum opportunity for education to the children with disabilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education conducted the National Achievement Survey (NAS) of Classes III, V & VIII in 2017, Class X in 2018 and Class III, V, VIII and X in 2021. Through the survey in 2021, students in Government, Government-aided and Private unaided schools across 720 districts in all 36 States & UTs were assessed, based on the Learning Outcomes developed by NCERT. Over 34 lakh students including children with disability participated in the survey. The survey process incorporated provisions such as additional time, scribes and suitable adaptations as per the needs of children with disability in order to facilitate an equitable assessment of all children.

(b) As per UDISE 2020-21, the Children with Special Needs (CWSN) enrolment is 0.86% of total enrolment of children. The State & UT-wise enrolment of CWSN in percentage is at **Annexure-I**.

(c) In the year 2018-19, the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has launched Samagra Shiksha – an integrated scheme for School Education covering children with special needs from classes I to XII. The Scheme is governed and regulated by the provisions of the RTE Act, 2009. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 enshrines the entitlement to free and compulsory elementary education, access to school and barrier free access for all children including children with disability. Section 3(2) of the RTE Act lays emphasis on the elementary

education of all children with disabilities. As per the Amendment of 2012, the RTE Act also mandates that, a child with multiple and/or severe disabilities, has the right to opt for home based education.

Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a dedicated component for Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) through which various provisions are made available for the educational needs of differently abled children such as, identification & assessment camps, provision of aids, appliances, assistive devices, teaching learning materials (TLMs), ICT resources like JAWS & SAFA, as well as transportation, escort & scribe allowances and stipend for all girls with special needs (from I to XII). Further, individualized support is provided through therapeutic interventions at the block level. Further CWSN with severe impairment requiring individualised attention are provided home based education through special educators.

A separate provision for financial support of Special Educators has been made under Samagra Shiksha in order to appropriately address the educational requirements of children with special needs from elementary to higher secondary levels. Samagra Shiksha also has provisions for ramps, handrails and disabled friendly toilets for barrier free access to schools for all children.

The focus of Samagra Shiksha is on providing inclusive education to children with disability wherein, children regardless of their abilities/disabilities participate and learn together in the same class, thus creating an enabling educational environment for all students.

In addition, CBSE being sensitive to the needs of disabled students provides several exemptions/concessions to CWSN as defined in The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act – 2016 such as issuing authority of Medical Certificate, facility of Scribe and compensatory time, appointment of Scribe and related instructions, fee and special exemptions for class X like exemption from third language, flexibility in choosing subjects, alternate questions /Separate Question and special exemptions for class XII like flexibility in choosing subjects, separate question paper and questions in lieu of practical component. The details of the CWSN who appeared in class X and class XII board examinations for the year 2022 and their pass percentage is as under:

Class	Number of CWSN appeared	Pass percentage
X	6053	93.42
XII	4395	93.11

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY (B) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 1147 FOR 27.07.2022 ASKED BY SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'REVIEW/ASSESSMENT REGARDING EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES'.

Percentage of CwSN studying in Schools (State and UT wise)

S. No	State's /UT's	Total Enrolment	CwSN Enrolment	% CwSN enrolment
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	67026	595	0.89
2	Andhra Pradesh	8208586	88252	1.08
3	Arunachal Pradesh	327586	3289	1.00
4	Assam	7121749	59596	0.84
5	Bihar	26147944	141314	0.54
6	Chandigarh	238083	3492	1.47
7	Chhattisgarh	5694712	67768	1.19
8	Daman & Diu & Dadra & Nagar Haveli	123241	2493	2.02
9	Delhi	4228293	29178	0.69
10	Goa	281607	2099	0.75
11	Gujarat	11307994	81616	0.72
12	Haryana	5602153	25828	0.46
13	Himachal Pradesh	1333315	6751	0.51
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2281769	22736	1.00
15	Jharkhand	7563206	53118	0.70
16	Karnataka	11578425	98371	0.85
17	Kerala`	5823079	139443	2.39
18	Ladakh	48609	572	1.18
19	Lakshadweep	12031	267	2.22
20	Madhya Pradesh	15456245	121475	0.79
21	Maharashtra	21914907	280574	1.28
22	Manipur	647836	4451	0.69
23	Meghalaya	958496	4975	0.52
24	Mizoram	268571	4195	1.56
25	Nagaland	368488	2280	0.62
26	Odisha	7760498	103058	1.33
27	Puducherry	240538	1675	0.70
28	Punjab	5579821	67483	1.21
29	Rajasthan	17104646	84059	0.49
30	Sikkim	118689	1555	1.31
31	Tamil Nadu	12045493	163570	1.36
32	Telangana	6731104	43680	0.65
33	Tripura	677529	3700	0.55
34	Uttar Pradesh	45993367	317212	0.69
35	Uttarakhand	2334065	5285	0.23
36	West Bengal	17614760	155193	0.88
	Total	253804461	2191198	0.86

Source- UDISE+ 2020-21

